



Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be September 19.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 states that the total number of students assessed in each subject using an alternate assessment may not exceed 1.0% of the total number of students in the State who are assessed in each subject.

In the 2017-18 school year, Idaho again exceeded the 1.0% cap on Idaho Alternate Assessment (IDAA) participation in ELA (1.1%), Mathematics (1.2%), and Science (1.1%). Based on these data, the SDE anticipates that we will exceed the 1.0% cap on IDAA participation again in the 2018-19 school year. As required by the United States Department of Education, Idaho must submit a request for a one-year extension of our 1.0% Cap waiver that was approved last year.

The SDE invites you to review and provide comment on the *Idaho 1.0% Cap Waiver Extension*

Request that is posted to the SDE [Assessment & Accountability webpage](#). The *Idaho 1.0% Cap Waiver Extension Request* draft will be open for public comment through September 24, 2018. To submit a comment, please complete the online [Public Comment Form Regarding the Idaho 1.0% Cap Waiver Extension Request](#).

Thank you for taking the time to review the *Idaho 1.0% Cap Waiver Extension Request* and your feedback.

[Karlynn Laraway](#) is the director of Assessment and Accountability.

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EDMODO

EDMODO now offers collaboration space for all Idaho Assessments

[EDMODO](#) has expanded to include new small groups within our own network group so topics can be easily sorted by specific assessments – all under the same account. Look for ***Idaho State Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Networking Group 2018-2019. NEW*** **CODE:** z5tvmd.

Joining is easy. Visit [EDMODO](#) on your phone or computer. Click on the “Join a group” button on the left-hand side and enter the code. If you don’t have an [EDMODO](#) account, follow the instructions to create an account and get started. If you have an assessment question, post in the appropriate small group.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Cohort Graduation Rate

View your cohort members and their graduation status on the [Cohort Grad Rate Preview Application](#).

Submit supporting documentation whenever a high school student transfers out of your school. The application eventually replaces the appeals application.

IDAHO READING INDICATOR

Fall IRI testing dates

- The fall IRI testing window is **August 20 - September 28**.
- The SDE recommends multiple learning opportunities for students and teachers before the assessment is given. Students should have time to familiarize themselves with the test administration system, including the headphones, touch screen or mouse and audio features.
- The IRI Test Administration Manual has been posted. [The PDF version](#) and [the Word version](#).

Fall IRI training dates for Istation set; invitations emailed

*Email invitations were sent August 14 to District **IRI Implementation Coordinators** with registration links for the upcoming IRI Istation fall training events.* Training will focus on analyzing student assessment results, using the available reports to inform classroom instruction.

- Region 2: Thursday, 9/27, Lewiston
- Region 1: Friday, 9/28, Coeur d' Alene
- Region 6: Monday, 10/8, Idaho Falls
- Region 5: Tuesday, 10/9, Pocatello
- Region 4: Wednesday, 10/10, Twin Falls
- Region 3: Thursday, 10/11, Boise
- Region 3: Friday, 10/12, Boise

Due to availability of space, local education agencies (LEAs) may send up to five staff to participate in fall training. At a minimum, SDE strongly recommends the **IRI District Implementation Coordinator** and **IRI Teacher Training Coordinator** attend this training. In addition to the **IRI District Implementation Coordinator** and **IRI Teacher Training Coordinator**, districts/charters may send additional staff to understand implications on instruction, analyze student results and review other reports.

Sessions will run for four hours in the morning with time after to collaborate with your team and other districts.

For more information, contact [Heidi Arrate](#) or call her at (208) 332-6909.

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ISAT

Please check the ISAT Portal regularly for important messages and dates. All dates for the 2018-2019 school year have been added to the [Important Dates](#) page.

*New EDMODO Group Code for Idaho State Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Networking Group 2018-2019 is **z5tvmd**. Just a reminder, to get the most out of this site, go to the individual test small groups listed on the left side of the page.*

Announcements

- Sign up for email alerts on the ISAT Portal to be notified of all new documents and notices.
- Important dates for the 2018-2019 school year have been added to the [Important Dates](#) page.
- Interim Assessment Answer Keys, Exemplars, and Scoring Guides can be found in Air Ways once an assessment has been given, and will be available in TIDE very soon.
- The Teacher Hand Scoring needed for some Interim Block assessments has been incorporated into Air Ways. For more information see the “Air Ways Reporting Quick Guide” available in Resources> System Information > Quick Guides, in the ISAT Portal.

ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System – Important Dates

March 13, 2019 - The Interim Assessment window for 2018-19 school year closes March 13, 2019.

If you need technical assistance uploading students, users or rosters, please contact the Idaho AIR Help Desk at 844-560-7365 or IDHelpDesk@air.org.

For more information, contact [Nancy Thomas Price](#) or call her at (208) 332-6988.

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IDAHO ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

No Changes to IDAA Administrations



School test coordinators, test administrators, and special education teachers will be happy to hear that there are no changes to the IDAA administration this year for ELA, math, and science. Well ... except for the high school level of the IDAA in ELA and math being administered in grades 10 and 11, which was explained in the [August 15 Assessment & Accountability Newsletter](#).

The IDAA in ELA and math will be delivered online through the [ISAT Portal](#) again. The IDAA in science will be the same portfolio, with teachers uploading student artifacts to the IPASS application. If you will remember, the IPASS application got a significant face-lift last year, making it much more user-friendly and streamlined. Be on the lookout for an updated IDAA science manual and training this fall.

If you have any questions about alternate assessments, please email [Karren Streagle](#) or call her at (208) 332-6824.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT/NMSQT School Day: October 10.

This is an optional assessment for 10th graders with the state paying for all public high school sophomores who participate.

PSAT Student Registration Update

College Board sent detailed instructions, including a code to access the bulk registration file template on Tuesday, August 28. This was sent to all PSAT coordinators as well as District Test Coordinators.

Accommodations

Schools can upload students in the bulk registration file regardless if their accommodations are approved yet. Schools should submit accommodation requests as quickly as possible, even if it is after the accommodations deadline, since in most cases the requests will get automatically approved within a few days.

PSAT Key Dates:

- **September 12:** Deadline to place test book orders for standard and accommodated test materials.

- **September 13:** Bulk registration file due on or before pre-ID labels received by September 26. No late submissions past September 20.
- **Important clarification:** The bulk registration DOES not equate test material ordering. Test material ordering must be done separately in the PSAT ordering system, and completed at a school level.

Consider attending a College Board Counselor Workshop: Free and coming soon!

Please share widely to new counselors. Pre-registration for the event has closed but anyone still interested in attending can do so by arriving early and following the instructions on the check-in sheet to register and check in on-site.

- [IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY - MERIDIAN - Thursday, September 13, 2018](#)
- [COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO - TWIN FALLS - Wednesday, September 12, 2018](#)
- [IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY - POCA TELLO - Tuesday, September 11, 2018](#)
- [LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE - LEWISTON - Thursday, September 20, 2018](#)
- [GONZAGA UNIVERSITY - SPOKANE, WA - Tuesday, September 25, 2018](#)

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WIDA

WIDA has a new website:

The new website address is wida.wisc.edu. Web redirects will be in place for one year. The WIDA Secure Portal also has a new web address: portal.wida.us.

A brief [overview video](#) of the new website is available. This 4-minute video will help familiarize staff with the new website.

State Specific Guidance, Upcoming Professional Development:

[Idaho WIDA Information](#)

Training and certification

- Re-certification is not required for WIDA Screener if completed last year.
- ACCESS 2.0 certification will be required this school year.
- If you are a new staff member, certification for any assessment, including the Screener, must be completed prior to administering.

Helpful resources:

[Quick Guide to Screener Online](#)

[Technology Readiness for WIDA Assessments](#)

[WIDA Screener Resources](#) (right hand column of this page are Free Webinars/Trainings on Screener)

[New to your role or wanting a refresh on EL processes including assessment?](#)

Consider joining one or several boot camp webinars hosted by our English Language Department:

[EL Boot Camp Registration](#)

The Idaho State Department of Education English Learner Program will be providing a 10-part live webinar series this fall 2018. Each webinar will focus on a unique EL topic and cover general knowledge of the topic, ESSA/ESEA compliance, and guidance. Credit will be available for participants who complete 10 webinars and corresponding activities associated with weekly webinar topics.

- **Week 1:** Identification and Screening of ELs
- **Week 2:** EL Foundations (OCR, EEOA)
- **Week 3:** Title III and ESSA
- **Week 4:** LIEPs and Staffing
- **Week 5:** EL Data Reporting
- **Week 6:** ELPs, Instructional Supports, and Accommodations
- **Week 7:** Exiting and Monitoring ELs
- **Week 8:** ELs in Statewide Assessments and Accountability
- **Week 9:** Parental Rights and Involvement
- **Week 10:** EL Potpourri

Attendance is not required for all 10 webinars unless you are taking the entire series for credit. Individuals not taking the series for credit may register for only those that pertain to them, but still must use the webinar series registration link: [EL Boot Camp Registration](#). All registrants will receive weekly emails with that week's upcoming webinar link.

If you have questions, please contact [Melanie Jones](#) or call her at (208) 332-6933.

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NAEP WILL COLLECT DATA ABOUT COURSE TAKING PATTERNS

Principals who have the NAEP coming to your school should have received an email on Friday (August 24). The purpose of this email was to inform principals of the steps to assign a NAEP school coordinator. The goal is to make the process as easy as possible for those involved. It is highly recommended that you assign a NAEP school coordinator or test coordinator to help

with the process. Usually this is a school counselor or building test coordinator. All of the details to assign the NAEP school coordinator in MyNAEP are in the email on 8/24. For those principals who are new and school coordinators who are already assigned, look for an email on Tuesday 9/4. Please email or call me with questions.

If you have any questions, please email [Paul Kleinert](#) or call him at (208) 332-6957.
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SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY WEBINAR

Our first webinar of the 2018-2019 school year will be **September 12**, at **10:00 AM MST**. If you haven't joined us for a webinar, you'll hear timely updates from SDE Assessment and Accountability team concerning important deadlines and updates or changes that you'll want to know. Please register for the webinar at the [GoToWebinar](#) webpage.

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If you would like to subscribe to our newsletter, fill out the [subscription](#) form. You can visit our [Resource Center](#) to read/review previous newsletters and webinars. The [2018-19 Assessment Calendar](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Vickie Holbrook](#) or call her at (208) 332-6877.
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